Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, March 23rd, 1885.

The City Council met in the Council Chamber on the 23rd. Present: — Mayor Becher (in the chair), Ald. Taylor, Watson, Green, O'Meara, Cowan, Kingston, Browne, Stringer, Scarrow, Hodgins, Christie.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From W. R. Meredith, M. P. P., enclosing copy of Bill for authorizing the Corporation to borrow money on debentures for sale of Exhibition Grounds.

From D. Mackenzie, M. P. P., copy of the amended Bill for amalgamation of the city and London East. Filed

From Judge Elliot, expressing his desire that the Council should take action to prevent him from being obliged to act on the Board of Police Commissioners.

From W. W. Fitzgerald, on behalf of Mrs. Smith, relative to taxes. No. 1.

From the County Clerk of Middlesex, relative to administration of justice. Re- eived.

From G. R. Kettle, John Lee and T. G. Lowe, re taxes. No. 1.

From Sarah Stevens, for permission t xtend her stall, No. 3 in the market bazar. No. 3.

From the Secretary of the Ministerial Association, a resolution requesting that the posting of immoral pictures be prohibited.

From Robert Manley, for the use of the City Hall for a lecture. Filed.

From Mrs. McPhail, re taxes. No. 1.

From T. F. Kingsmill, for permission o erect an iron awning in front of his remises. No. 2.

From Mr. Cox, on behalf of Mr. James, o have one-half the amount paid by him or tickets for the family refunded, their oods having been sold for non-payment f taxes. Granted.

From Mr. Crawford, stating that if his alary, as electrician of the Fire Department were reduced, he must resign.

In regard to the communication from udge Elliot, Ald. Stringer moved, second d by Ald. O'Meara, that the petition be ranted. Carried

A communication was read from Dr. Bilton in regard to the proposed reduction of salary.

A communication was read from ratepayers, asking for the construction of a sewer on Maitland street, between Oxford and St. James. No. 2, with power.

NO. 3 COMMITTEE REPORT.

By Ald. Stringer, Chairman:—

1—That the Forest City Electric Light Company be granted the privilege of erecting poles upon the streets of the city for the purpose of supplying the citizens with electric light, said poles to be erected under the supervision of the City Engineer—the Council reserving the right to permit, at any time they may deem it advisable, any other company to string wires upon the same poles for a like purpose, upon such company paying a fair rental for the same.

2—The account of Alex. McIntosh for $10.05 loss for weigh scales, is submitted for your consideration.

3—That your committee be empowered to sell the black team of horses and to purchase another horse for the use of the Fire Department.

On motion the report was taken up clause by clause.

On clause 1,

Ald. Taylor moved that the matter be referred to No. 2 Committee. Ald. Scarrow seconded.

Ald. Scarrow moved a further amendment, that the report be amended by adding, "And that the City Solicitor be instructed to draw up an agreement in accordance with resosolution limiting time when poles shall be put down to thirty days, in default of which the privilege shall lapse, and be given to any other Company prepared to go on immediately with the work." Ald. Kingston seconded.

Upon a vote the motion of Ald. Taylor to refer the matter to No. 2 Committee to report was carried.

On clause 2,

Ald. Stringer moved that the claim of Mr. McIntosh be allowed. Carried.

Clause 3 read and adopted.